

Provider Education and Policy Reform October, 2017 Report

Erie County Opiate Epidemic Task Force

Work Group Monthly Report for October, 2017

Work Group Name: Provider Education and Policy Reform.

Work Group Leader: Dr Gale Burstein

Work Group Chair: Drs. Gale Burstein and Paul Updike

Work Group Meeting Schedule: 9/27/17 call; next call on 11/15/17

Summary of meetings/Activities:

- OASAS certified SBIRT (Screening Brief Intervention and Referral for Treatment) Certification Training @ Erie County Fire Training Academy on 10/14/17.
 - 53 Community Partners trained by OASAS Certified trainer from Rochester.
- OASAS certified SBIRT Training of Trainers (ToT) for local providers working in health care setting in collaboration with Northeast/Caribbean Addictions Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) and Erie County Medical Society scheduled for December 2-3, 2017. CMEs provided
- Assisted UB|MD ED department to develop a proposal for ED providers to induce interested patients presenting to the ED with an opioid use related health problem and submit to Oishei Foundation for funding
- Working with City of Buffalo Sex Trafficking court to help develop a system to refer interested defendants to safe housing and MAT.
- Working with Opioid Court to facilitate a system to start interested defendants on MAT when enter system.
- Dr. Burstein spoke with Joshua Vinciguerra, NYS BNE Director regarding a letter to NYS prescribers warning about prescribing high opioid doses and opioids and benzos. Mr. Vinciguerra explained that letter was intended to be educational. Dr. Burstein explained that letter was interpreted by NYS providers as a threat.
 - There will be a follow up meeting on November 30 @5:30PM at ECMC 1st floor auditorium organized by Erie County Medical Society.
- Working with Addictions Hotline to provide training on opioids, addiction, MAT, and motivational interviewing.
 - ATTC will offer trainings at UB School of Public Health that will be recorded so others can access at a later date
 - Training on opioids, addiction, MAT on December 13 and repeat on December 14
 - Training on motivational interviewing on January 18 and repeat on January 19

- ECDOH received HHS/Office of Women's Health funding to roll out SBIRT in OBGYN offices. Dr. Joe D'Nagy from UB|MD OBGYN will assist with QI aspect and SBIRT training.
- ECDOH received CARA funding to develop program for law enforcement and peer counselor outreach to follow up police naloxone resuscitation.
 - ATTC will assist with trainings for law enforcement and peer counselors.
- On October 24 Dr. Burstein participated in SAMHSA Region II Policy Discussion on opioids in NYC with live streaming to public. Dr. Burstein presented local opioid OD epi and innovative programs.
- Working with Kaleida and CHS to place drug and needle disposal kiosks in all hospital EDs located in Erie County. All hospitals agree.
- Working with UB|MD to consider surgery dept QI project to change opioid prescribing practices. UB|MD requested to wait until January to start to plan.

Support needed? Continue to re-evaluate, and support all task force workgroup efforts and activities. Continue to recruit, educate, and certify local Providers to prescribe Buprenorphine. Facilitate establishing mentorships for certified Providers with support from Substance Abuse Disorders specialty Practitioners.